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In re Application of:)
Angelo Masciantonio et al.) Confirmation No.: 2780
Application No.: 09/703,612) Group Art Unit: 2144
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For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)
LOCATING PROVIDERS OVER THE)
INTERNET ON SHORT NOTICE)

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 dated April 29, 2005 (Paper No. 220050427), the period for response extending through May 31, 2005 (May 29, 2005 being Saturday and May 30, 2005 being Federal Holiday), Applicants provide the following responses.

Applicants hereby elect Invention I, drawn to a health care management system (claims 1-13), with traverse.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse the election of species requirement for at least the following reasons. Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement incorrectly identified that claims 1-13 are drawn to the Invention I. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-13 and 32 are drawn to the healthcare management system identified by the Office. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Invention I should be revised to include claims 1-13 and 32 and Invention II should include claims 14-28 and 31. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-13 and 32 be examined together. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully